**Allocation of Wheat to Orissa**

2544. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of wheat allocated to Orissa out of the Central pool during 1991;

(b) whether the State Government have made request to increase the allocation of wheat to that State;

(c) if so, the steps taken to enhance the allocation of wheat to Orissa in 1992; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Orissa was allocated 3,27,500 tonnes of wheat from the Central Pool for the Public Distribution System during 1991.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The allocation of wheat to Orissa has been increased from 22,500 tonnes for January, 1992 to 25,000 tonnes per month for the months of February and March, 1992.

**Losses suffered by F.C.I.**

2545. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual loss suffered by Food Corporation of India since its inception;

(b) what is the amount of subsidy which Government are giving to Food Corporation of India; and

(c) whether Government propose to privatise the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The years in which Food Corporation of India suffered losses and the extent of such losses are as follows:—

| Year | (Rs. in Crores) Loss |
|---|---|
| 1964-65 | 0.07 |
| 1986-87 | 1.27 |
| 1987-88 | 3.72 |
| 1988-89 | 7.53 |
| 1989-90 | 11.10 |
| 1990-91 | 7.95 |

(b) During the current year, the subsidy paid to Food Corporation was approximately Rs. 2,597 Crores upto the end of February, 1992.

(c) There is no such proposal.

**Winding up of F.C.I.**

2546. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the High Power Committee (HPC) headed by Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh has recommended for winding up of Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Purchase of Paddy by Food Corporation of India in Andhra Pradesh**

2547. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what are the relaxations given by Food Corporation of India in specifications for purchase of paddy in the cyclone affected districts of Andhra Pradesh; and